

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A vehicle load bin cover comprising:
front and rear sections hinged together along contiguous edges, wherein the front
section has one edge hingeable to a vehicle load bin, and ;

a collapsible support having a first end rotatably secured to said front
section and a second end to be secured proximate to the operative front of the load bin;
~~the rear section carries pivoted at one end thereto with the other a rigid~~
~~support having a first end rotatably secured to said rear section and a second end pivotably~~
~~mountable to a bracket securable to the load bin rim proximate the operative rear thereof,~~
~~wherein the rotation point of said second and of the rigid support to said bracket is lower in~~
~~relation to the load bin than the rotation point of the second end of said collapsible support~~
~~above the load bin pivotably mounted to the load bin to enable the cover to be raised and~~
lowered with the rear section maintained in a substantially constant relation to the load bin
and to provide a mechanical advantage for opening the cover.

2. (Previously presented) A cover as claimed in claim 1 wherein the
rear section can be maintained substantially parallel to the top of the vehicle load bin.

3., 4. and 5. Cancelled.

6. (Currently amended) A cover as claimed in claim 5 1 in which the
collapsible support is configured to provide sufficient support to prevent unintentional
movement of the cover.

7. (Previously presented) A cover as claimed in claim 1 and further
comprising:

at least one rail securable to the load bin to stabilize the rail, the rail
including a set of clips slidably securable over the load bin rim.

8. (Previously presented) A cover as claimed in claim 1 and further comprising:

at least one seal that operatively seals against the load bin rim.

9. (Currently amended) A vehicle load bin cover ~~as claimed in claim 1~~ comprising:

front and rear sections hinged together along contiguous edges, wherein:
the front section has one edge hingeable to a vehicle load bin, and
the rear section carries a support pivoted at one end thereto with the other
end pivotably mountable to the load bin to enable the cover to be raised and lowered with
the rear section maintained in a substantially constant relation to the load bin, and

wherein bars extending extend from the load bin and further comprising:
fixed side panels as part of the cover to attach to said bars.

10. (Previously presented) A cover as claimed in claim 1 and further comprising:

lock barrels on the rear section operable by means of a key operated lock secured to the cover.

11. (Currently amended) A cover as claimed in claim 1 wherein the cover further comprises side covers secured to the rear section, the side covers ~~being~~ are extendable from the rear section to the load bin rim and ~~being~~ are securable to the load bin rim.

12. (Currently amended) ~~A cover as claimed in claim 11~~ A vehicle load bin cover comprising:

front and rear sections hinged together along contiguous edges, wherein:

the front section has one edge hingeable to a vehicle load bin, and
the rear section carries a support pivoted at one end thereto with the other
end pivotably mountable to the load bin to enable the cover to be raised and lowered with
the rear section maintained in a substantially constant relation to the load bin,
wherein the cover further comprises side covers secured to the rear section,
the side covers are extendible from the rear section to the load bin rim and are securable to
the load bin rim, and
wherein the side covers comprise flexible material covers.

13. (Previously presented) A cover as claimed in claim 12 wherein the side covers comprise canvas covers.

14. (New) A bin cover as claimed in claim 1 wherein said front has side portions to be fixedly mounted to the load bin sides and a central portion whose first side edge is to be hingeably mounted to the front of the load bin.

15. (New) A cover as claimed in claim 14 wherein said front and rear sections are of rigid material.